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Director's Comments

The Special Session of the 2003 Legislative Assembly has adjourned. House Bill No.1506, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCR) appropriations bill drafted for the Special Session, includes a \$1million general fund increase over the DOCR's appropriation bill vetoed by Governor Hoeven. Also, the legislature specified that if the inmate population is higher than projected, the Department may approach the Emergency Commission and Budget Section for additional funding to cover the higher costs associated with the higher than estimated inmate population.

It is very difficult, in the short period of time that legislators have to review agency budgets, to understand a complex budget like that of the DOCR. One example of this is where the legislature took the position that the legislature's proposed 2003-2005 appropriation for the Department is adequate since it is \$7million higher than the Department's current 2001-2003 biennium appropriation. An analysis of the \$7million increase shows that the increase is not in areas that will provide funding for the general operations of the prison to cover the costs of the growing inmate population. The increase includes a \$1.2million increase for employees health

insurance; it includes a \$1.3million increase to operate the unit for the seriously mentally ill for 24 months next biennium instead of the nine months this biennium; it includes \$3.9million for the JRCC to take over the food service and laundry operations for both the state hospital and JRCC (by doing this project the DOCR will save the \$1.6million cost of the JRCC food contract and the state hospital will save several millions of dollars by eliminating the majority of its food service and laundry costs); it includes an increase of \$675,000 to operate the Bismarck Transition Center for 24 months compared to the 20 months this biennium; it includes a \$3.3million increase for contract housing to accommodate the women in the county jails (our current biennium budget for contract housing is \$3.5million); and it includes an increase of \$700,000 in the medical line to cover skyrocketing medical costs. These increases total more than \$9million, thus, the general operating budget remains short.

The legislature also pointed to the Department's estimated \$1.2million turn-back for the 2001-2003 biennium as evidence that the Department does not need increased



Elaine Little

funding for the next biennium. The \$1.2million turn-back was generated by a delay in opening the Bismarck Transition Center and through the Parole Board's and Department's adoption of a new parole process. Paroling more inmates generated over \$1million in savings in contract housing for the Prisons Division. Were it not for the parole initiative the Prisons Division would be facing an \$800,000 deficit in medical costs instead of having a turn-back.

Even though the Department will struggle with the budget given it for the next biennium, as in the past, it will continue to do the best job that it can with the resources that it has been given. I want to thank the many staff that participated in the legislative process. Your efforts are much appreciated.

I hope each of you has a great summer!

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Cass County Re-Entry Program

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Through a Federal initiative, North Dakota received a grant in 2002 to support the Cass County Re-entry Program. The first offenders released to the Cass County Re-entry Program began in March 2003. There are six offenders in the community phase of the Re-entry Program and five more offenders continue in the program at prison awaiting parole to the community phase of the program. The six offenders currently in the community phase of the program are required to reside at Centre, Inc. in Fargo.

The Cass County Re-entry Program is required to target a specific offender population and work through multiple service agencies to return youthful and higher risk offenders from prison to their community. The program requires the offender's participation and completion of recommended services for those offenders identified upon admission to prison who meet the criteria. The program requires the offender to enter into a program agreement, which includes goals and objectives that focus on reducing risk. The program includes institutional and community treatment, participation in AA/NA, education and vocational training, employment, domestic violence and anger management treatment, financial counseling, and other community services. The program also stresses the importance of faith-based relations. The offender's release from incarceration and

continuation in the program is dependent on the participant demonstrating progress and a reduced risk.

CASS COUNTY RE-ENTRY PROGRAM CRITERIA

1. The offender is male or female and between 18-35 years old during participation in the program; and
2. Must have an LSI-R score that is 24 or greater; or
3. The offender has a history of violence or the current offense is a violent offense;
4. Must have aggravating factors or other assessments that in the discretion of the professionals would deem the person eligible; and
5. The offender must have support and reason to return to Cass County; and
6. Prior to community release must be free of any felony detainers.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Cass County Re-Entry Program is to develop, implement, and operate a re-entry program that achieves offender risk reduction. The program dedicates local, regional, and state resources to best manage and serve youthful, serious, and violent offenders in the interest of public safety.

To assist with the referral and program development a community Re-entry Team meets monthly to review eligible offenders for the program. The program requires a comprehensive release plan be developed in cooperation with representatives of several

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enforcement. This plan is presented to the Parole Board with recommendations of the Re-entry Team. The Re-entry Team consists of members from the Fargo Police Department, the Fargo Adult Learning Center, Southeast Human Service Center, Centre, Inc., Field Services Division, and ND Job Service. At the monthly Re-entry Team meeting, a community case plan is developed utilizing recommendations from prison staff, as well as reviewing areas of risk/need indicated on the LSI-R assessment instrument.

Fargo Parole Officer, Stacy Sanders, supervises those offenders that have been released to the Cass County Re-entry Program. Stacy works closely with the community Re-entry Team members to ensure that the offender is meeting the goals of his/her case plan.

There are three phases of the Re-entry Program. Phase One is designed to Protect and Prepare and is the institutionally based portion of the program. During this phase of the program, the offender should complete the recommended educational and substance abuse treatment programs, mental health treatment, anger management and/or domestic violence treatment, cognitive programming, as well as other recommended programs available within the institution.

Phase Two is designed to Control and Restore and includes the community-based transitional programs. The offender may be involved in chemical dependency aftercare,

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skills, parenting classes, domestic violence treatment, NA/AA, mental health treatment, community service, educational programming, financial counseling, etc. They also meet with the Job Service representative for individual employment counseling, skills testing, etc., in order for the offender to seek and maintain long-term, stable employment or to participate in educational and/or vocational training that will assist with his/her career development. A budget is developed with the offender to

ensure that restitution is paid to the victim(s), child support obligations are being met, and other fines and fees are being paid as designated by the Court. The offender is also responsible for paying a portion of his/her stay at Centre.

Phase Three is designed to promote Responsibility and Productivity and includes community-based, long-term support. It is the goal that in Phase Three, the offender has maintained suitable employment or is attending vocational/educational programming, completed

recommended treatment programming, developed a positive social network, has been provided the opportunity to develop his/her faith through the faith-based community in Fargo, and has an appropriate residence. Graduated levels of supervision are employed throughout Phase Two and Phase Three as the offender maintains compliance with the conditions of release.

The Cass County Re-entry Program may become a model for other communities throughout North Dakota in the future.

With Gratitude

By Gaylene Massey, Program Coordinator
ND Youth Correctional Center

It is with gratitude that the North Dakota Youth Correctional Center (YCC) school recognizes the following individuals for serving on the school improvement articulation committee:

Mary Hill, Assistant Principal at Bismarck High School; Toby Croteau, Bismarck KFC General Manager; Barbara Evanson, Teacher at Bismarck Wachter Middle School; Donna Fishbeck, Bismarck State College Admissions; Jess Friesz, YCC Intake Counselor; Barb Henderson, Souris Valley Special Education Unit; Joe Kalvoda, Teacher at Bismarck South Central High School; Chuck Kranz, Assistant Principal at Minot Central Campus; Ruth Lacher, Workforce Programs at North Dakota Job Service; Jerry Laird, Teacher at Prairie Learning Center; Kristi Lentz, School Counselor at Grand

Forks Community High School; Sharla Price, Bismarck Case Manager for the Division of Juvenile Services; Todd Schimke of Bobcat Company Bismarck; Judy Schwan, School Counselor at Dakota Boys Ranch; Leslie Soules, Economic Analyst for Mandan Tesoro Refinery; and Karen Summers, Director of Sales at Mandan Seven Seas.

This committee has served in an advisory capacity for the school improvement process at YCC since 1999, their most recent meeting having been on April 16, 2003. Meeting bi-annually, the members of this committee have been instrumental in giving input and providing feedback on preparing and utilizing a transitions packet of information for YCC students' next school placement. While this transitions packet will likely always remain a working document, the committee's

task will be to review and update it annually. The Articulation Committee is also working on a plan to insure that all districts that may receive a student from YCC are effectively utilizing the transitions packet.

The next goal of this committee is to focus on a transitions packet for students continuing their education at the post-secondary level and/or entering the labor market. The business and post-secondary representatives will be invaluable in offering guidance in the development of a student portfolio that will assist students entering a job or being accepted into a vocational or academic program of study.

The staff at YCC is appreciative of the continued commitment of all the individuals serving on the Articulation Committee. Their efforts definitely have had a positive impact on assisting students at YCC to experience greater success at their next placement.

A Message from the Editor

The *DOCR Quarterly Connection Newsletter* is an official publication of the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and is published four times each year. Its goal is to enhance communication and keep staff, and all those interested, informed of developments and achievements throughout the Department.

All employees and interested persons are encouraged to submit articles, letters, comments, and ideas for future issues of the *DOCR Quarterly Connection*, to be considered in the next publication.

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Upcoming State Holidays...

April

Good Friday 18

May

Memorial Day 26

July

Independence Day 4

Pardon Advisory Board Dates for 2003

April 8

November 4

Parole Board Meeting Dates for 2003

January 6
February 3
March 3
April 7
May 5
June 2

June 30 (July PB)
August 4
September 8
October 6
November 3
December 1

Parole Board Members

Parole Board Members are appointed by the Governor for a three-year term. The Parole Board Members are listed as follows:

Member	Location
John Olson, <i>Chairman</i>	Bismarck
Dick Davison	Bismarck
William Gipp	Bismarck
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The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a confidential assessment/counseling/referral service staffed by trained professionals who can help you and your family members evaluate your problems and take positive action to resolve them.

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St. Alexius Medical Center/Heartview
Employee Assistance Program
530-7195 (or) 1-800-327-7195

Please feel free to call for help and/or advice at any time. When calling after working hours, please ask for the EAP staff member on call.

NDSP Mock Job Fair

By Paul Kohler, Education
DOCR Prisons Division

On February 5th, the education department of the North Dakota State Penitentiary hosted their first mock job fair. The daylong event was the culmination of months of hard work and preparation by the staff at the penitentiary and was spearheaded by Tammy Barstad of the education department.

The job fair was based on a model established by the Federal Bureau of Prisons and was adapted to meet the needs of our penitentiary and its residents. Employers from the surrounding community were invited to take part in the mock job fair since October 2002. Their willingness to participate for the benefit of NDSP inmates was the most important reason for the mock job fair getting off the ground.

Twenty-three state penitentiary inmates spent many hours preparing for the mock interviews that took place at the job fair. Pat Brady, a vocational consultant contracted by the state penitentiary, aided the inmates by helping them

prepare resumes and cover letters. Each inmate was also coached on what to do during the course of an interview. Much of the success of the job fair can be attributed to the inmates themselves and the amount of time and effort each one of them put into it.

The day of the job fair began with the visiting employers being greeted by Miriam Gilbertson, Rose Kreitinger, and Bill Øssette of the education staff and escorted to the penitentiary gymnasium where the mock job fair took place. The inmate gym workers had set up the gym, which included twenty-four separate stations where the interviews occurred. Virginia Kleven from the education staff of JRCC and Paul Kohler from NDSP served as hosts for the visiting employers and helped to make their stay a pleasant one. After opening comments by Warden Tim Schuetzle, Director of Education Ingrid Omlid, and Career Counselor Tammy Barstad, the job fair commenced.

Employers and inmates were allotted 25 minutes to complete

an interview and critique it afterwards. During the course of the morning, up to three interviews were completed by employers and inmates. Following a lunch served by the restaurant management class, supervised by Jack Mills in the library, two more rounds of interviews were completed. Everyone in attendance at the job fair including staff, inmates, and visiting employers took part in an evaluation process that will hopefully benefit future job fairs.

The staff at the North Dakota State Penitentiary would like to thank the following businesses for participating in our first Mock Job Fair at the North Dakota State Penitentiary: Dakota Awards, Dakota Fence, Wiest Trucking, Midwest Coca-Cola, Mandan American Legion Club, Capital Credit Union, Eggers' Audio and Video, Jamestown Paradiso, Henschel Roofing, Basin Electric, Steele County Social Service Board, Brady's Used Auto Parts, Aetna US Health Care, Mandan Steel Fabricators, Bismarck-Mandan Symphony, Capital City Construction, and the Bismarck Tribune.

Impact of Parole on the Inmate Population

By Elaine Little, Director
ND DOCR

In June 2002, the inmate population was 1,192; on May 6th, 2003, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation had 1,181 inmates. The parole process has a significant impact on the inmate population. With changes made in the parole process during the past year by the Department and Parole Board, the number of offenders on

parole has increased from 117 on July 1, 2002, to 183 offenders on parole May 1st, 2003. Even with an increase in the number of paroles, the inmate population has continued to grow since the monthly admissions continue to outpace the monthly releases. There were 334 inmate admissions during January – April 2003, which represents a 15% increase over the same period in 2002. The number of

paroles during this period in 2003 increased by 104 over the same period in 2002, yet the number of releases from January – April 2003 lagged behind admissions by 39. During this same period the number of drug offenders increased by 28. It appears that until the methamphetamine problem is brought under control, the inmate population will continue to grow.

DOCR PERSONNEL NEWS

ND First To Enact New Interstate Juvenile Compact

By Pam Helbling, Compact Coordinator
Executive Board Member
—Association of Juvenile Compact Administrators
ND Youth Correctional Center

In a recent press release the Council for State Governments cited North Dakota for being the first state to enact the new Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ). On March 13, Governor John Hoven signed HB 1254 into law. New Mexico and Montana followed in the next two weeks.

"This legislation will tremendously improve public safety in all member states and we are proud to be the first to enact this compact," said Rep. Duane Dekrey, primary sponsor of the bill in North Dakota.

Each year, states transfer over 20,000 juveniles who are on probation or parole, or who have escaped, absconded or run away from home to another state. Many more undocumented juveniles pass between states unsupervised and neglected, ultimately leading to an increase in crimes committed by the population as juveniles and later as adults.

Since 2000, The Council of State Governments (CSG) and the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention have led the effort to draft the new compact which will more effectively facilitate state autonomy and national cooperation in the supervision transfer process of juveniles. At the national level, the compact coordinates the means to

identify, track and account for juveniles.

According to Chad Foster, CSG public safety and justice policy analyst, the new interstate agreement significantly updates the 48-year-old mechanism for tracking and supervising juveniles across state borders. "This compact builds in enhanced accountability, enforcement, visibility, and communication," he said.

Mr. Al Lick, Director of the Division of Juvenile Services is the Compact Administrator designated by the Governor in the old compact, and now in the new compact will head a gubernatorial state commission of Judiciary, Executive, Legislative and Victims Rights representatives. Mr. Lick states the main advantages of the new compact are to provide uniform use, address victims rights and community safety issues, compel states to utilize proper referral and supervision procedures, return runaways and establish a central governing commission with rule making authority.

In the past the Association of Juvenile Compact Administrators (AJCA) has trained staff nationwide and developed and passed rules and opinions on the proper use of the compact. In recent years the Association and its leadership have noted excellent cooperation in the spirit of the compact in most states but note serious compliance issues do occur at times which

compromise the safety of both juveniles, families and communities. More children and families are moving from state to state, more serious offenders require closer supervision, and the AJCA needed legal and professional assistance to maintain the integrity of the compact agreement.

North Dakota is first of the states to sign and Mr. Lick states "We need to assist and urge other states to do the same. The new compact will come into effect only after 35 states have signed the compact into law."

Pam Helbling, Compact Coordinator, does not feel the day-to-day operations of the compact will change greatly, "North Dakota has always met its obligations as a member of the compact and provided direction to the Division of Juvenile Services (DJS) case managers, court probation officers and judges regarding the procedures of the compact. Occasionally a family or juvenile makes their own decision to leave without proper transfer, but for the most part, our officers of the courts and DJS are diligent in the use of the compact. The greatest effect will lie with the national commission which will be able to assist in the workload of mediation, rule development, and training of compact users across the nation."

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Correctional Officer I..... Patrick Simon
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Social Worker II..... Shawna McFarland
Heather Petersen

NDSP
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Addiction Counselor..... Kimberly Bauer

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Kent Bullinger..... Robert Edick
Kirby Fleck..... William Fleck
Anthony Garcia..... Darcy Gibbons
Michael Groce..... Dan Hausauer
Josh Hausauer..... Stan Kahl
Tennille Kostecky..... Richard Makelky
Delmar Markel..... Beau Massey
Like McKay..... Mark Oliver
Rick Peterson..... Deb Pierce
Kevin Pierce..... Dwight Remmich
Chris Roth..... Traci Schlag
Dawn Severson..... Eric Thompson
Robert Urlacher..... Jeremy Ward
..... Anthony Whitebear
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CCA I to CCA II..... Tammy Schillinger
CCA I to CCA II..... Kathy Wilde

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JRCC
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Temp CO to Correctional Trainee..... Jeremy Roberg
..... Dustin Dockter
NDSP
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Craig Sahlus..... Dean Twardowski
Correctional Trainee to CO II..... Travis Toepke
CO I to CO II..... Derrick Glass
James Saylor
CO II to Correctional Caseworker..... William Schaeffer
Unit Case Manager to CO II..... Mike Huck
Correctional Caseworker to Unit Case Manager
..... Steve Foster

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None

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Field Services Division
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JRCC
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Correctional Officer II..... Chad Nelson
Social Worker II..... Dennis Schmidt

NDSP
Correctional Officer II..... Phillip Hatcher

2002 DOCR SERVICE AWARDS

FIVE YEARS

DJS Community

Tony Kozojed Angela Reinke
Lisa Severson Jan Sippel

ND YCC

Keven Barstad Gregg Engelhart
Mike Groce Torrie Jost
Ryan Kudrna Jerry Kunrath
Beau Massey Van Mitzel
..... Traci Schlag

Field Services Division

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Mary Kirkeby Sherrie Krabbenhoft
Lila Thomas Rebecca Whitney

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Cory Bohne Darin Ferderer
Steven Foster Dr. Mark Hanlon
Darin Hartl Eric Hasby
Ron Mosbrucker David Hipsack
Ronald Kopp Steven Mayer
Jacob Mertz, Jr. Matthew Nelson
Barbara Sams Kary Stoltz
JRCC JoAnn Hennings

TEN YEARS

DJS Community Sydney Hove

ND YCC

Bekcy Donovan Jess Friesz
Charlene Jones LeAnn Kahl
Mark Klein Michelle Krefling
Diane Rasset Dr. Bernie Rodel
Janice Schwartzbauer Dawn Severson

Field Services Division

Dave Birrenkott Penny Blotsky
Steven Bohl Jennifer College

State Penitentiary

Cherie Denning Peggy Hertz
Gary Goroski Scott Davy
..... Laura Skager

FIFTEEN YEARS

ND YCC

Lori Fleck Stan Kahl
Delmar Markel Judy Ringgenberg
..... Tim Tausend

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..... Sharon Bachmeier

State Penitentiary

Nora Mattheisen Ron Bjelland
Kim Molesworth Barb Gross
Denise Senger Craig Theurer

TWENTY YEARS

ND YCC

..... Chris Roth

State Penitentiary

Flynt Hintz Don Magstadt
Terry Moszer Darrell Wald
..... Ron Toso

JRCC

..... Jerome Huck

TWENTY FIVE YEARS

DJS Community

..... Junell Roswick

ND YCC

Nancie Pierce Eric Thompson

THIRTY FIVE YEARS

ND Youth Correctional Center

..... Jeanette Holm

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DJS Community

..... Not Available

Field Services

..... Not Available

State Penitentiary

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JRCC

..... Pat Altringer, CCW

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TWT Takes Off At NDYCC

By Judy Ringgenberg, Librarian
ND Youth Correctional Center

"The North Dakota Teaching With Technology Initiative focuses on the teaching and learning activities that occur in the classroom when transformational learning takes place. Technology plays a key role. TWT encourages the effective use of technology to support the transformational learning environment realizing that new ways of thinking, teaching, and learning must transpire." *From TWT website www.ndtwt.org*

Mrs. Jones, the art teacher, Mrs. Donovan, the English teacher, and Mrs. Hintz, the science teacher, participated in TWT Phase II as they had successfully completed TWT Phase I in the spring of 2001. The journey they began in September, 2002, was one of learning, reading, and developing classroom lesson plans that integrated technology into them. The lesson plans required each teacher to read, plan, share and learn along with their students in some format

that produced transformational learning in the classroom. The types of learning styles they could use were Inquiry Based, Problem Based, or Project Based.

Mrs. Jones' art classes used a perspective art drawing project to learn about the art itself along with the use of a digital camera (for the project and for documentation) and power point to showcase their finished projects. It was a student centered learning experience since students taught one another how to use the digital camera and how to use power point. Mrs. Jones facilitated this experience by teaching the art method necessary to create a perspective drawing. Their projects were then shared on the school's network.

In Mrs. Donovan's English classes, she and her students read and talked about poetry and the use of color in verse. Students researched different types of poetry in printed materials

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I drew a hallway. I used a T-square, a ruler and a camera. I learned how to make things proportional through the usage of one-point perspective.

and on the Internet. They wrote poems on 3 types of poetry and illustrated them with color photos they arranged in the art room. The projects were then combined into one "Potpourri of Poetry" and shared via a power point presentation on the local area network.

The science students in Mrs. Hintz's physics classes researched forces of motion and action in order to plan and build roller coasters. After learning the concepts involved the students took a try at building their own interactive roller coaster. The students then became part of a construction crew where they built piece by piece a KNEX Roller Coaster. After the roller coaster was completed several

experiments were done to

gain a better understanding of the scientific concepts involved. The students involved then shared with the junior high science students the concepts utilized and how they are applied in the design of a roller coaster. The students wrapped up the project with a class power point presentation.

All three projects involved student centered learning activities like think-pair-share, peer tutoring, and

teacher as learner. The projects also included authentic measurement with rubrics and the use of technology to enhance them.

Some of the student comments were: "Most enjoyable project ever!" "I learned not to give up, and you can do anything if you set your mind to it." "I never knew about perspective or how to use a digital camera before this project."



P is for purple popsicles
U is for ugly polka-dotted underwear
R is for ridiculous hair color
P is for pansies
L is for luscious nail polish
E is for exuberant streaks in the evening skies



Exemplary Status

By Gaylene Massey, Program Coordinator
ND Youth Correctional Center

The North Central Association Commission has recognized the North Dakota Youth Correctional Center's (YCC) middle school and high school as a Transitions School on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA/CASI). A Transitions School is considered an exemplary school that meets and/or exceeds the highest standards established by NCA/CASI.

Trent Barstad and Gaylene

Massey from YCC attended the NCA/CASI Annual Meeting in Chicago April 6 – 9, 2003, to accept a certificate of achievement on behalf of the teachers at YCC. A Transitions School plaque will also be sent to the school.

Approximately 2,000 educators attend the NCA/CASI Annual Meeting each year. The conference features keynote addresses from nationally known educational leaders, and also includes 150 breakout sessions describing successful

school improvement practices and plans. Gaylene and Trent were invited to present at this year's meeting. Their presentation described NDYCC and the school's journey in becoming a Transitions School.

The entire staff at YCC is to be commended for this accomplishment. The teaching staff was focused and worked arduously with the support of all YCC staff for seven years to achieve the goal of becoming a Transitions School.

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DOCR MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission Is...

To protect the public while providing a safe and humane environment for both adults and juveniles placed in the Department's care and custody. The Department will carry out the judgments of the North Dakota courts to both incarcerate inmates for the protection of society and to provide rehabilitative programs in an effort to successfully reintegrate offenders back into society.

Prisons Division Inmate Population Information

Population as of May 12, 2003: 1,178 (24 at TRCU, 16 on CPP, 24 at CRRP, and 42 at BTC)

Offense	Inmate Count	Average Sentence
Violent Offenders (Excluding Sexual)	310	108 Months
Sex Offenders	189	147 Months
Drug Offenders & Alcohol	356	145 Months

Sentenced for Delivery/Manufacture/Intent: 209

Sentenced for Simple Possession of Drugs: 147

Minimum Mandatory Sentenced Inmate Breakout (as of May 12, 2003)

Offense	Inmate Count	Average Sentence
DUI	46	29 Months
Driving Under Suspension	0	0 Months
Drug Offenses (not alcohol)	53	96 Months
Aggravated Assault (2 Year)	9	68 Months
Aggravated Assault (4 Year)	0	0 Months
Robbery	20	36 Months
Terrorizing	4	33 Months
Murder	10	---
TOTAL Mandatory Sentenced Inmates	142	
85% Truth-in-Sentencing (TIS)	141	119 Months

**Note: Violent Offenders includes 31 life sentences and 85% TIS includes 12 serving life sentence for murder.*